<u>**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**</u>

Applicant respectfully requests that this listing of claims replace the prior versions of claims in the application.

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising a processor and a memory storing executable instructions that, in response to execution by the processor, cause the apparatus at least to:

receive from a server information of at least one management object of a device management system,

retrieve content of a predetermined data element for assigning an identifier for the device management object,

index at least part of the content of said data element using running numbering,

assign the indexed at least part of the content of said data element as an identifier for a device management object,

add said identifier as a new entry in a management tree of the apparatus, and

use said identifier to address the device management object in the device management tree.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the apparatus is configured to operate as a client device according to a SyncML device management protocol.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the apparatus is configured to add the device management object as a new device management object including provisioning settings from a provisioning document received during a bootstrap process.

19. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

receiving information of at least one management object of a device management system,

retrieving content of a predetermined data element for assigning an identifier for the device management object,

indexing at least part of the content of said data element using running numbering,

assigning the indexed at least part of the content of said data element as an identifier for a device management object,

adding said identifier as a new entry in a management tree, and

using said identifier to address the device management object in the device management tree.

20. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the device management object is added as a new device management object including provisioning settings from a provisioning document received during a bootstrap process.

21. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the apparatus is a mobile communications device.

22. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising a processor and a memory storing executable instructions that, in response to execution by the processor, cause the apparatus at least to:

retrieve content of a predetermined data element for assigning an identifier for a device management object,

index at least part of the content of said data element using running numbering,

assign the indexed at least part of the content of said data element as an identifier for a device management object,

add said identifier as a new entry in a management tree of the apparatus,

use said identifier to address the device management object in the device management tree, and

transmit information of the management object to client device to arrange assignment of an identifier for addressing the management object similarly in the client device.

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23. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising a processor and a memory storing executable instructions that, in response to execution by the processor, cause the apparatus at least to:

retrieve content of a predetermined data element for assigning an identifier for a device management object,

hash at least part of the content of said data element using a predetermined hashing algorithm,

assign the hashed at least part of the content of said data element as an identifier for a device management object,

add said identifier as a new entry in a management tree of the apparatus,

use said identifier to address the device management object of a device management tree, and

transmit information of the management object to a client device to arrange assignment of an identifier for addressing the management object similarly in the client device.

24. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the apparatus is a server supporting a SyncML device management protocol.

25. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the apparatus is configured to assign the identifier in connection with a bootstrap process.

26. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:

retrieving content of a predetermined data element for assigning an identifier for a device management object,

hashing at least part of the content of said data element using a predetermined hashing algorithm,

assigning the hashed at least part of the content of said data element as an identifier for a device management object,

adding said identifier as a new entry in a management tree of the apparatus,

using said identifier to address the device management object of a device management tree, and

transmitting information of the management object to client device to arrange assignment of an identifier for addressing the management object similarly in the client device.

27. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the identifier is assigned in connection with a bootstrap process.

28. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising a processor and a memory storing executable instructions that, in response to execution by the processor, cause the apparatus at least to:

receive from a server information of at least one management object of a device management system,

retrieve content of a predetermined data element for assigning an identifier for the device management object,

hash at least part of the content of said data element using a predetermined hashing algorithm,

assign the hashed at least part of the content of said data element as an identifier for a device management object,

add said identifier as a new entry in a management tree of the apparatus, and

use said identifier to address the device management object of a device management tree.

29. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the apparatus is a mobile communications device.

30. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause an apparatus to perform at least the following:

receive information of at least one management object of a device management system,

retrieve content of a predetermined data element for assigning an identifier for the device

management object,

      index at least part of the content of said data element using running numbering,

      assign the indexed at least part of the content of said data element as an identifier for a device management object,

      add said identifier as a new entry in a management tree, and

      use said identifier to address the device management object in the device management tree.

31. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause an apparatus to perform at least the following:

      receive information of at least one management object of a device management system,

      retrieve content of a predetermined data element for assigning an identifier for the device management object,

      hash at least part of the content of said data element using a predetermined hashing algorithm,

      assign the hashed at least part of the content of said data element as an identifier for a device management object,

      add said identifier as a new entry in a management tree, and

      use said identifier to address the device management object of a device management tree.